

# COMMITTEE CONCERNING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MEETING MINUTES

City of Middletown

100 Riverview Center, Recreation Department

March 4, 2014

6:00 PM

**1. Members Present:** Marty Knight/Chairperson, Keith Vinci, Elderrean Paules, Joseph Carta (via phone)

**Absent:** Phil Cacciola, August DeFrance, Marie Hurley, Richard Pelletier, Steven Shapiro, Debbie Stanley, Acting Director Recreation & Community Services

**Staff Present:** Karen Nocera, Recreation & Community Services

**Youth in Government Present:** Abigail Nolan

**General Public:** None

**2. Meeting Called to Order:** Called to order at 6:07pm.

**3. Public Hearing:** none

**4. Approval of Minutes:** *A motion to approve the meeting minutes of Feb.4, 2014, was made by Keith Vinci and seconded by Elderrean Paules. The motion was passed.*

## Departmental Reports:

- Karen Nocera explained that the Recreation/Community Services brochure is out. The Unified Theater Show was discussed. The Lady Katherine Cruise will be on May 13, 2014. There will also be a trip to New York City on April 26, 2014. A discussion ensued.
- Ellie Paules stated that the hallway at Monarca Place is very cold. She also mentioned that the TV room is cold. The first floor is cold due to the fact that there are cement floors under very thin carpeting. Ellie called the Housing Authority about these issues. It is time for a residential meeting. A discussion ensued.
- Keith Vinci wrote a letter to Elite Property Management which is the company that manages River's Edge Condominium Complex. He will email the letter to Karen Nocera who will email it to Laura Runte for distribution to the Committee members. This letter is regarding access into the building. The Cridders, a musical performance in sign language, will be performing on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Crid (Connecticut Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf is having a workshop at Wesleyan University on April 26, 2014.
- Abigail Nolan discussed that on February 6<sup>th</sup> Mercy High School National Honor Society sponsored a blood drive and were able to receive 50 pints of blood for the Red Cross.
- Marty Knight told the Committee that there has been nothing new on the issue of the voting machines. Marty will be a presenter for training moderators for next year. Steve Shapiro's term ends April 30, 2014. Karen Nocera will send an email to Marie Norwood regarding Steve Shapiro's term and to discuss whether or not the Committee has to be balanced by political party. A discussion ensued.

## Old Business

## New Business:

**Miscellaneous:**

**Adjournment:** *A motion of adjournment was made by Keith Vinci and was seconded by Elderrean Paules. The motion carried unanimously.* The meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Bruni Runte